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ABSTRACT

This comprehensive resource guide describes programs and services for young children (prenatal to age 8) and their families in Alaska. Information for the resource guide was collected from state departmental budget documents, program guides, annual reports, and program personnel. In compiling this information, certain trends concerning children's programs and services in the state became apparent: reliance on federal funding; interdependence of programs and services within and between departments; and the program-specific or service-specific nature of available databases, which are not linked statewide. The guide is divided into six parts: (1) an introduction; (2) an index of program categories, the services available in those categories, and the department responsible for each service; (3) descriptions of the specific programs and services provided by each state department; (4) a list of relevant boards and commissions appointed by the governor; (5) other state-supported committees and organizations that provide services to children and their families; and (6) descriptions of 71 relevant databases in state agencies, reports generated from the databases, and contact information. Categories of programs and services include: child care; child protection; comprehensive child development programs; data; economic development; education (bilingual, early childhood, HIV/AIDS, homeless, migrant, special, and vocational); family support; general health; mental health; nutrition; parenting and family education; public assistance; safety; sanitation; and special needs and developmental disabilities. (TSP)

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February 14, 1994

Dear Reader:

In the Fall of 1993, the Alaska Head Start State Collaboration Project and the Alaska Interdepartmental Committee for Young Children (AICYC) began a major collaborative project to develop a RESOURCE GUIDE OF CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. This project was undertaken because centralized, comprehensive information about all of the various state programs and services for children and families was not readily available. The lack of comprehensive information made it difficult to identify the various programs and services, to understand their interrelatedness, and to develop collaborative plans and policies for children and their families.

Information for the RESOURCE GUIDE was collected from Departmental budget documents, program guides, annual reports and program personnel. Because of the constant changes in federal/state program funding and personnel/staffing priorities, detailed budget and personnel information is not presented. Program/services descriptions are limited to summary information.

In compiling this information, certain trends concerning children's programs and services in the state became apparent. For example:

- The majority of programs/services are funded, at varying levels, with federal dollars and/or grants. Cuts in federal programs would severely impact the state's ability to provide necessary services.

- Individual programs/services do not stand alone but rely on other resources within their own Departments and/or the resources in other Departments for full implementation. Changes to one program/service would have definite impacts on other programs/services.

- Databases are program/service specific and not linked statewide on a computer database. Even though the program/service may overlap with another one, the data is not interchangeable.

The Collaboration Project and the AICYC sincerely hopes that the information presented here will be useful for those who work with, or are concerned about, young children and their families in Alaska and will help foster stronger, meaningful planning and collaboration on behalf of children.

Alaska Head Start State
Collaboration Project

Alaska Interdepartmental Committee
for Young Children

INTRODUCTION

The State of Alaska provides a variety of programs and services for young children (prenatal to age 8) and their families. Five Departments with the state government are responsible for the administration and delivery of the majority of these programs and services. The areas of responsibility for the Departments are not always clear cut and easily defined.

Several different departments may have some responsibility for the same program or service. For example: The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is responsible for environmental health and sanitation inspections for child care centers. The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) issues licenses for the operation of child care facilities. The Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) administers grant funds for child care providers, child care subsidies for parents, and resource/referral services for parents and providers. The DCRA and DHSS also provide funds and coordination for child care for children and families who are enrolled in social service and public assistance programs. Many child care facilities are subject to fire safety regulations administered by the Department of Public Safety. The Department of Education administers the child care food reimbursement program and certifies preschool programs. All of these programs are represented on the Alaska Interdepartmental Committee for Young Children (AICYC)

Another major issue to be addressed is the shifting of a service or program responsibility from one department to another. For example: services for children with physical or developmental special needs ages 0-3 are served by the Infant Learning Program in the DHSS; from age 3-5 the are served by Head Start programs in DCRA or school district preschool programs; from age 5 and up, they are served by local school programs.

The interrelated nature of children's services and programs in the state call for collaboration to overcome numerous challenges and problems. Services for children may be interrupted at crucial times, they may be subject to duplicate testing and evaluations, program administrators may spend valuable time doing one task that has already been done by another, budget cuts or program changes for one program can have serious consequences for another program. In order to provide continuous, meaningful services for children and families and to help eliminate duplicative efforts; it is essential that administrators, program managers, legislators and service providers seek ways to interact or "collaborate."

To help foster more meaningful collaboration between all those who work with children and families, the Alaska Head Start State Collaboration Grant in conjuction with the AICYC agreed to develop a RESOURCE GUIDE of PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This guide is divided into three parts:

- an index of program categories and services that are available in those categories;

- a description of the specific programs/services provided by each Department; and

- a listing and brief description of boards, commissions, committees and other programs that provide services to children and their families.

The RESOURCE GUIDE is designed to be easily updated as changes occur within the state. Periodic review and updates will be conducted and revised program descriptions distributed to those receiving copies of the guide. We welcome your suggestions for additions or changes to the RESOURCE GUIDE.

Funding for the development and publication of this guide is provided by the Alaska Head Start State Collaboration Grant, Department of Community and Regional Affairs. The grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources. For additional information and updates for the guide, contact the Alaska Head Start Office at 465- 4860.

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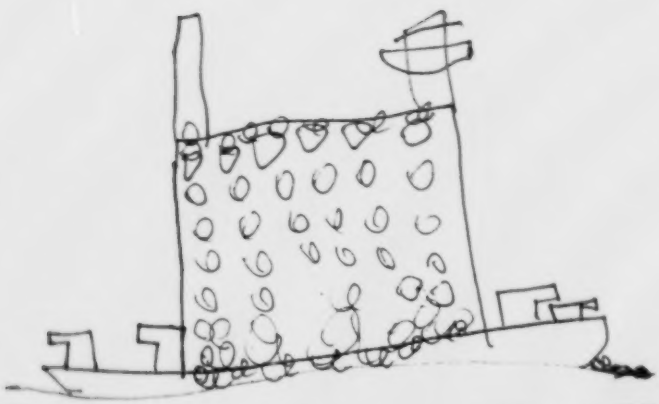

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Child Care Provider Grants

Program Goals
To improve the quality of child care by providing assistance to child care providers and to reduce the cost of child care for parents.

Service Provided
Grant funds are available to child care providers for cost of operations including: staff wages, staff training, age-appropriate equipment, etc.

Eligibility
Child care centers, family child care homes and group homes with a current Alaska child care license. Applications for grant funds are available at any time, since payments are made monthly. Payments are based on the total number of children enrolled at the facility.

Program Status:
Program services are funded through state general funds

Comments

Contact
Child Care Programs Coordinator, Division of Community and Rural Development, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, 333 West 4th Avenue, Suite 220, Anchorage, AK 99501-2341, phone: 269-4670, FAX: 269-4520.

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Child Care Resource and Referral; *and* Resource Development Programs

Program Goals

Resource and Referral: To assist parents in finding quality child care, and to assist child care providers in advertising services and vacancies to parents.

Resource Development: To provide child care providers with education and training in their field.

Service Provided

Resource and Referral: Grants to resource and referral agencies in Anchorage, Juneau and Fairbanks to fund the administrative costs of maintaining child care resource lists and referring parents to providers.

Resource Development: Grants to resource and referral agencies for education and training of eligible child care providers and administrators within their designated regions.

Eligibility

Resource and Referral: Parents participating in Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) through regional JOBS offices, and parents participating in Child Care Subsidy Programs are eligible at no charge for counseling about and help in finding child care providers. A sliding fee scale based on income covers others who wish to use these services.

Resource Development: Services are available upon request to child care centers, preschools, group homes and home providers, with a current child care license or providers legally exempt from child care licensing.

Program Status

Resource and Referral services are funded through state (7%) and federal funds (93%). Resource development services are funded through state (42%) and federal (58%) funds.

Contact

Anchorage
Child Care Connections
P.O. Box 103394
Anchorage, AK 99520
phone: 279-5024

Adak, Anchorage, Aniak
Bethel, Cordova,
Dillingham, Glennallen
Homer, Kenai, Kodiak,
Mat-Su, Seward, Soldotna
Unalaska, Valdez

Fairbanks
RCCPC Child Care Options
1401 Kellum Street
Fairbanks, AK 99701
phone: 456-2866

Delta Junction,
Fairbanks, Kotzebue
Point Hope

Juneau
CCS Child Care Res.
9095 Glacier Highway
Juneau, AK 99801
phone: 789-5523

Craig, Haines, Juneau
Ketchikan, Metlakatla
Petersburg, Sitka,
Skagway, Wrangell

Child Care Subsidy Programs

Program Goals:
To enable low and moderate income families to afford child care while parents are working or in training.

Services Provided
Financial assistance to parents to help pay the cost of child care. Four subsidy programs are administered under this program: the Day Care Assistance Program (DCAP) and the Child Care Development Block Grant Program (CCDBG) for low to moderate income parents who are working or in training; the Transitional Benefits Program for former AFDC families who have been determined to be eligible for this entitlement program; and the At-Risk Assistance Program for families at risk of becoming AFDC.

Eligibility
Funds are available to families based on income limits for the DCAP, CCDBG, and At-Risk programs. The Transitional Benefits program assists former AFDC families for up to 12 months based on eligibility determination by the Division of Public Assistance. Parents may have from 25% to 97% of their child care costs paid for them. The percent of subsidy depends upon the parents' net income. As the net income level increases, the amount of subsidy decreases. Funds are administered through grants from the state to communities, agencies or other organizations.

Program Status
Funding sources for the programs are: DCAP - state funds; CCDBG - federal funds; Transitional - state (50%), federal (50%); At-Risk - state (50%), federal (50%). The federal portion of the funds for the Transitional and At-Risk programs are granted to the Department of Health and Social Services from the federal government but are administered by the Child Care Programs in the Department of Community and Regional affairs as required by federal law. Required match for the federal portion of these programs is part of the DCRA's budget.

Comments
Quality child care programs provide an essential element in a community's overall economic development. Child care provides an opportunity for parents to seek employment, work or train and increases jobs in child care facilities.

Contact
Child Care Programs Coordinator, Division of Community and Rural Development, Department of Community and Rural Development, 333 West 4th Avenue, Suite 220, Anchorage, AK 99501-2341, phone: 269-4670, FAX: 269-4520.

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Head Start

Program Goals
To enrich the lives of low-income children and their families with a comprehensive program of developmentally and culturally appropriate education, health, nutrition, social services, parent involvement, education and career development.

Services Provided
Comprehensive child development programs for children ages prenatal to 5 and their families. Services include: educational activities, health screenings, medical and dental care, healthy meals, and services for children with disabilities. Services are also available for infants and toddlers through the home-visit program. Families of eligible children receive needed services such as social services, parent training, education job training and career development.
- State and federal funds to operate programs according to federal and state Head Start Guidelines; for example, staff wages and training, medical/dental services for children, program supplies and equipment, program enhancement and expansion and program monitoring and review. Head Start also maintains a management information system, Child Plus III.
- Four federal grants provide funds for: statewide program development and coordination in the areas of child and family wellness, dental health, mental health; development of collaborative programs for all children's services and programs in the state; a Head Start/public school demonstration project; training and technical assistance for grantees.
- Support and coordination services for the Alaska Head Start Association, the Alaska Head Start Directors Association and the National Indian Head Start Association are also provided through the state program.

Eligibility
Children and families who meet low income (75% of poverty level) or poverty of access guidelines are eligible for services either through a center-based or home-based Head Start program. Statewide program coordination and development services are available to all programs in the state serving children and families.

Program Status
The Alaska Head Start Program is funded by a combination of state (30%), federal (50%), and community (in-kind) (20%) funding. Additionally, the state has four federally funded grants: Project/Pride, The Alaska Head Start State Collaboration Grant, Alaska Head Start Health Improvement Initiative and Head Start Support Center for Training and Technical Assistance.

Comments
During FY 93, 2,645 children and their families received Head Start services; 11,345 eligible children (including poverty of access children) remain unserved. Services are provided in 78 communities.

Contact
Head Start Program Coordinator, Division of Community and Rural Development, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, P.O. Box 112100, Juneau, AK 99811-2100, phone: 465-4860, FAX: 465-3212.

Research and Analysis/Demographic Profiles of Alaskan Communities

Program Goals
To provide research, analysis and general technical support for the Department of Community and Regional Affairs programs.

Services Provided
The R & A section maintains a community data-base that contains a wide variety of information about Alaska communities and the DCRA's activities as well as other Departments activities in these communities. Data includes: community profiles of populations; utilities; local government; sewer, water, solid waste systems; educational facilities and programs; economic data; communications systems, housing, maps, land ownership, history, etc.

Eligibility
Data is available upon request.

Program Status
Program services are funded through state general funds.

Comments

Contact
Research and Analysis, Division of Municipal Assistance, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, P.O. Box 112100-2100, Juneau, AK 99811, phone: 465-4751, FAX: 465-2948.

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Bilingual Education—Title VII Special Populations Program

Program Goals
To establish, operate and improve preschool programs for limited English proficient students.

Services Provided
Funds to operate programs according to federal bilingual education Title VII guidelines: i.e. staff salaries, staff training, curriculum development, evaluation activities, parent involvement.

Eligibility
Local school districts, universities and colleges, private nonprofit organizations who have non-English speaking children.

Program Status
The program is federally funded through the Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Language Affairs, USDOE. Grants are competitive.

Comments
Historically, Alaska has had several projects each year. Proposal development, project improvement and technical assistance is provided by the Department of Education staff. Assistance is also provided to grantees by the Alaska Multifunctional Resource Center, Anchorage.

Contact
Program Manager, Bilingual EducationDivision of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200 ,Juneau, AK 99801-1894, Phone: 465-8691, FAX: 465-3396

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Centralized Correspondence Study, Grades K-3 *(Alyeska Central School)*

Program Goals
To provide free elementary instruction. The program serves students in grades K-12 who desire to study at home whether by necessity or choice.

Services Provided
Students work under the supervision of an adult home teacher, usually a parent. Textbooks, lesson plans, worksheets, examinations, and most school supplies are mailed after enrollment. Students return completed assignments to ACS, where they are evaluated by advisory teachers. The advisory teachers maintain close contact with their students and monitor their progress. Students spend at least five hours per day five days a week, for the nine month school year to complete a grade level. Student activities are also offered for those interested in extra-curricular activities. A parent outreach program is also offered to support parents who act as a home teacher.

Eligibility
Any Alaskan who is five years old by August 15th preceding the school year may enroll. Students may not be enrolled in a public school and ACS at the same time. Students in transitory status (students who may attend public school but must withdraw for travel or illness, etc) may enroll at any time.

Program Status
Program services are funded through state foundation funding entitlement, program receipts and federal grants.

Comments

Contact:
Alyeska Central School, 3141 Channel Drive #100, Juneau, AK 99801, Phone: 465-2835, FAX: 465-2935.

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Centralized Correspondence Study Library *(Alyeska Study Library)*

Program Goals
To provide recreational reading materials to students enrolled in the program who are too far from a public library to obtain their own reading materials or unable to use the facility for one reason or another.

Service Provided
Books and cassettes are shipped to students. If there are preschool siblings in such families, picture books can be included when shipping to the older students.

Eligibility
Students must be enrolled in the correspondence school program.

Program Status
Program services are funded through state funds.

Comments

Contact
ACS Librarian, Alyeska Central School, 3141 Channel Drive #100, Juneau, AK 99801-7897, phone: 465-6902, FAX: 465-2935.

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Chapter I—Educationally Deprived

Program Goals

To improve the educational opportunities of educationally deprived children by helping them succeed in regular school programs, attain grade level proficiency and improve achievement in basic and advanced skills. Chapter I provides financial assistance through state agencies to local educational agencies for educationally deprived children (i.e. children who attend school in areas with high concentrations of children from low-income families and children in local institutions for the neglected and delinquent.)

Services Provided

Grants and technical assistance to local school districts, local institutions for neglected and delinquent children, state-operated institutions, and the State Department of Corrections.

Program improvement funding and assistance is provided to school sites. Compliance reviews of the Chapter I projects are completed on a five year cycle.

Eligibility

School districts who meet qualifications for low income student areas and institutions/programs who serve educationally deprived children are eligible for grants from Chapter I funds.

Program Status

Chapter I is a federally funded program under P.L. 100-297.

Comments

Contact

Chapter I Program Manager, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801, phone: 465-8705, FAX: 465-2989.

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Child Nutrition Programs
Child and Adult Care Food Program

Program Goals
To promote well-balanced meals for children and adults attending out of home care and to subsidize the cost of providing meals and snacks.

Services Provided
Cash reimbursements for child care centers for breakfast, lunch, supper and snacks for children enrolled in their program.

Eligibility
Funds are available to any licensed public or non-profit child care center including before and after school care programs. Individual reimbursement rates are assigned by the Department of Education for each center based on the family size and income of the children enrolled. Participation is limited to children under 13 years of age.

Program Status
The program is federally funded through the National School Lunch Act.

Comments

Contact
Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Juneau, AK 99801.

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Child Nutrition Program
Family Day Care Home Program

Program Goals
To promote well-balanced meals for children enrolled in Family Day Care Homes, and to provide training in nutrition for providers and promote development of good eating habits for children.

Services Provided
Cash reimbursements to licensed home providers for meals served. Amounts and types of food served may vary according to the child's age, but all meals must meet USDA nutrition guidelines.

Eligibility
Licensed Family Home providers are reimbursed for meals served to enrolled children. Providers participate in the program through a local non-profit organization or sponsor. Any non-profit tax-exempt or government agency is eligible to be a sponsor.

Program Status
Currently the FDCH program has sponsors in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula, Kodiak, Juneau, Sitka, Petersburg, Haines and Ketchikan. The program is federally funded through the National School Lunch Act.

Comments

Contact
Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-189, phone: 465-3316, FAX: 465-3396.

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Child Nutrition Program
National School Lunch and Breakfast Program

Program Goals
To provide nutritious breakfasts and lunches to children enrolled in public or private non-profit schools and residential child care institutions.

Services Provided
Subsidies to lower the cost of providing breakfast and lunch to enrolled children through cash reimbursements. Meals are provided to qualified children either free or at a reduced price. All meals must meet USDA nutrition guidelines.

Eligibility
Children who meet the federal low-income guidelines are eligible to receive free or reduced meals. The following schools and institutions are eligible for reimbursements for meals served based on the number of eligible enrolled children: public and private non-profit schools; licensed residential child care institutions (homes for the physically, mentally or emotionally impaired, group homes, temporary shelters, orphanages and juvenile detention centers).

Program Status
The program is federally funded through the National School Lunch Act.

Comments

Contact
Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-3316, FAX: 465-3396.

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Child Nutrition Programs
Nutrition Education and Training Program

Program Goals
To promote healthy nutritious diets for children.

Services Provided
Provide workshops, technical assistance and resources on various nutrition topics including: feeding young children, food preparation, sanitation, meeting the goals of the dietary guidelines and nutrition education activities for children.

Eligibility
Services available upon request.

Program Status
This program is federally funded through the National School Lunch Act.

Comments

Contact
Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-3316F, AX: 465-3396.

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Child Nutrition Programs
Special Milk Program

Program Goals
To encourage the service of milk to children in facilities that do not participate in the USDA meal programs.

Service Provided
Cash reimbursements for milk served to enrolled children. Milk served to low income children may be reimbursed at full cost.

Eligibility
Public and private non-profit schools, child care centers, residential child care institutions, shelters and other non-profit institutions that are devoted to the training and care of children.

Program Status
The Special Milk Program is a Federally funded program through the National School Lunch Act

Comments

Contact
Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, Phone: 465-3316, FAX: 465-3396.

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Child Nutrition Program
Summer Food Service Program

Program Goals
To provide meals to children in areas where poor economic conditions exist during months that school programs are not in operation.

Services Provided
Cash reimbursements to public and private schools, non-profit summer camps, government agencies and qualifying agencies for meals served and administration of the program.

Eligibility
Serves children 19 years of age and younger.

Program Status
The program is federally funded through the National School Lunch Act.

Comments

Contact
Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99811-1894, phone: 465-3316, FAX: 465-3396.

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Data Management

Program Goals
To develop standards for, collect and analyze data in order to provide accurate and timely information to policy makers, school districts, the federal government and to the public at large. The purpose of collecting this information is to contribute to the improvement of education in Alaska's schools.

Services Provided
Data bases currently maintained in the office include information on students, professional and classified staff, federal program evaluation, test results, and background characteristics of Alaska's school districts.

Eligibility
Data is available to state, non-state and public agencies and individuals.

Program Status
Funding for this service is provided through state appropriations.

Comments
A series of annual and periodic reports are generated by the office for general distribution.

Contact
Division of School Finance, Office of Data Management, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-8684, FAX: 465-5279.

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Early Childhood Education—Preschool Certification

Program Goals
To plan, develop and evaluate statewide Early Childhood Education program efforts through consultation with preschool programs and to ensure equitable programs through assistance with curricula, instruction and program assessment procedures.

Services Provided
Consultation services with local school districts and local programs, training, evaluation of early childhood programs and curricula and certification of programs that meet the state regulations.

Eligibility
School districts, Head Start Programs, private preschools are eligible for services and certification.

Program Status
Currently, the early childhood education program coordinator is a half-time position funded through state appropriations.

Comments

Contact
Early Childhood Education Specialist, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-8703, FAX: 465-3396.

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Early Childhood Education Science Project

Program Goals:
To increase the time primary grade teachers engage their students in science activities and to improve the quality of primary grade science instruction.

Services Provided:
This project sponsors 3 week summer institutes which emphasize use of a learning cycle, emergent curriculum and an instructional integration approach to curriculum planning and implementation. The project melds research-based early childhood education practice with the content and instructional strategies of the Alaska Science Consortium.

Eligibility
Preschool through grade 3 teachers and teacher aides recommended by school districts belonging to the Alaska Science Consortium.

Program Status
This project is a three year effort (Sept. 1992 - Dec. 1994) funded by the National Science Foundation (80%) and the state general funds.

Comments

Contact
Early Childhood Education Science Project, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-2826, FAX: 465-3396.

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Education for Parenting Project

Program Goals:
To provide a systematic method for teaching caring and parenting skills in grades K-12. This program focuses on the interaction between parents and children, emphasizing the role of the caregiver.

Service Provided:
The DOE has sponsored training of school district teachers in the Southwest Region, Dillingham and Juneau. The DOE assists districts and teachers who wish to use the curriculum. Juneau is established as a training site for teachers in Southeast. Parent/infant monthly classroom visits are central to this program which can be integrated into existing content areas including: language arts, social studies, and health/science programs. The program engages and connects at-risk students and teaches healthy relationship behaviors.

Eligibility:
School districts and teachers

Program Status:
Funding for this project is through joint state/federal funds.

Comments:

Contact:
Education for Parenting Project, Migrant Education, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-8706, FAX: 465:-2989.

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Even Start Family Literacy Program

Program Goals

To provide grant funds to school districts and/or community agencies to integrate early childhood education and adult education for parents into a project that builds on existing community resources. Programs involve parents and children in a cooperative effort, enabling parents to be partners in their children's education.

Service Provided

Grants are available on a competitive basis that are effective for 4 years. Each grantee must include services in early childhood education, adult basic education, parenting education and contain evidence of interagency collaboration.

Eligibility

Applicants for grants include: 1) a school district in collaboration with a community based organization, public agency, institution of higher learning, or other non-profit organization; 2) community-based organization, or other non-profit organization in collaboration with a school district; 3) or an Indian tribe or tribal organization.

To participate in the program an adult must be a parent of a child age birth to 7 and must be eligible for participation in an adult education program. For Chapter I the child and adult must reside in an elementary attendance area served by Chapter I. For Migrant Education the child must be migrant eligible and the program must serve currently migrant children before serving formerly migrant.

Program Status

This program is supported by federal funds that are distributed by the DOE for Chapter I programs and the federal government for Migrant Education. Applications are due in the Spring.

Comments

Contact

Even Start Program, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-8706, FAX: 465-2989.

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Foundation Program/School Funding—Elementary

Program Goals
To provide efficient and effective distribution of state aid in support of public schools operating throughout the state. Students are served in 54 school districts.

Services Provided
The Foundation Program provides the primary state financial support for the 54 school districts in Alaska. Funds are distributed to the school districts according to "basic need" as determined by Alaska statute, less required local contributions and deductions for eligible Impact Aid. Foundation payments are distributed to school districts for the first nine months of the fiscal years based on funding received during the preceding fiscal year. During the last three months of the fiscal year, adjustments in payments are made to provide each district with it's revised entitlement, based on the current year count. The DOE monitors the integrity of school district student count and provides timely estimates of the need for supplemental and subsequent year funding. The amount requested by school districts is based on student count projections submitted by each district. The actual funds needed for this program may vary depending on the FY94 student enrollment, the classification of those students enrolled, the actual local contribution to the school district expenditures and the actual PL-874 (military base contracts) receipts.

Program Status
Schools are funded with state general funds, federal Impact Aid PL 81-874 funds and community (local) funds. Enabling statutory/regulatory citations: AS 14.17, 6 AAC 09.

Eligibility
School districts

Comments

Contact
School Finance, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-8679, FAX: 465-3396.

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HIV/AIDS Education Program

Program Goals
To educate school district staff, parents and the public concerning HIV/AIDS prevention and to support effective classroom teaching and health programs and policies.

Service Provided
Technical and financial support to school districts, classroom materials, teacher and other staff/volunteer training and development of local policies and procedures related to HIV/AIDS education for all ages grades K-12.

Eligibility
Local school districts.

Program Status
The program is funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Federal Grant.

Comments

Contact
HIV/AIDS Education, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-2843/8730, FAX: 465-3396.

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Homeless Children—Stewart B. McKinney Act

Program Goals
To assist school districts in learning about the special needs of children and youth, including preschool children, who are homeless and to provide educational support to enable homeless students to succeed.

Services Provided
Counseling, job and career education; data collection and reporting on numbers and education needs of homeless youth; direct school district support for inservice training for staff and community members; co-sponsorship of runaway youth conference with Family and Human Services; training for teachers, administrators and human service providers at scheduled conferences; brochures for school staff and students on issues and resources for the homeless. Transportation for students can be provided.

Eligibility
School districts are eligible for services upon request.

School site boundary exemptions are issued for students identified as homeless.

Program Status
This is a State mandated program authorized by PL 100-77, supported with federal funds through the U.S. Department of Education.

Comments

Contact
Homeless Children Program, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, Phone: 465-8715, FAX: 465-3396.

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Migrant Education

Program Goals
To improve the educational opportunities for the children of migratory agricultural, logging and fishing families by helping them succeed in a regular school program, attain grade level proficiency and improve their achievement in basic and more advanced skills.

Services Provided
Provides grants to local education agencies for services to meet the needs of the identified population: provides staff development and technical assistance to school districts to identify and recruit eligible children; develops and provides parental involvement training and materials; provides grants to school districts for inservice training of migrant education teachers and aides and grants for summer school projects; provides books for students; conducts annual statewide technical assistance conference for parents, teachers and administrators; conducts statewide Parent Advisory and Committee of Practitioner meetings for program guidance; provides early childhood technical assistance to local school districts; produces a quarterly newsletter for educators and parents.

Eligibility
School districts with eligible migrant children qualify for funds and services. Migrant eligible children most in need of academic and/or support services receive the assistance from the local district.

Program Status
The Migrant Education Program is a federally funded program under P.L. 100-297.

Comments

Contact
Migrant Education Manager, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-2886, FAX: 465-2989.

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Special Education—Preschool

Program Goals
To insure that all children with disabilities ages 3 through 5 in the state receive a free appropriate public education and to give parents of children with disabilities certain due process rights and require the Department of Education to exercise leadership and oversight of special education.

Services Provided
Special education services and DOE activities such as compliance, technical assistance, complaint investigation, monitoring, staff development and data collection.

Federal funds awarded to school districts may be used for: the excess costs above state and local contributions in the provision of direct educational services to support child identification, location and evaluation activities, to meet the full educational opportunities goal including additional personnel and inservice training in order to increase the level, intensity and quality of services to preschool children with disabilities.

Eligibility
Local school districts are eligible for funds based on the number of preschool children with disabilities as determined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B. School districts receive funds based on identification, evaluation and provision of special education services.

Program Status
Funds are provided through special education state foundation funds, federal program funding Preschool section 619,89-313 and Title VI-B.

Comments
Alaska is bound by two federal special education laws, PL 89-313(State Operated Programs) and PL 93-142 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act).

Contact
Special Education, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894, phone: 465-8701, FAX: 465-3396.

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Special Education - Elementary

Program Goals
To assist local school districts in providing each child with disabilities or gifted child with an appropriate program.

Services Provided
Funds to local school districts to provide direct educational services, support child identification and assessment activities, provide additional personnel, and inservice training.

Eligibility
Special education and related services are provided to all eligible students ages 3-21 in the public school system. Students are evaluated through testing and assessment. Local school districts may apply for funds based on the number of eligible children.

Program Status
The basic special education program is funded through the foundation program and federal funds generated by PL 94-142 and PL 89-313. There are no federal monies provided to the gifted and talented program.

Comments

Contact
Special Education, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801-1894.

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Teacher Certification—Early Childhood Education

Program Goals:
To certify qualified teachers in Early Childhood Education.

Services Provided:
Type E Certificates are awarded to applicants who have completed the following requirements:

Early Childhood Education Certification Type E: Associate I
1) completed a 30-credit university or college early childhood education program that requires at least 400 hours of supervised practicum experience ; or
2) obtained a valid Child Development Associate award from the Bank Street College of Education.

Early Childhood Education Certification Type E: Associate II
1) has completed an approved associate degree program in early childhood education; and
2) has obtained an Early Childhood Associate I certificate.

Type A Certificates, Early Childhood Endorsement: Provided based on university or college recommendation.

Certificates are valid for a period of five years.

Eligibility:
Candidates for endorsements must submit university/college recommendations and certification fee.

Program Status
Program services are funded through state funds.

Comments:
Public school teachers in Alaska are required to have a Type A Certificate for grades K-3. The Early Childhood Endorsement is optional. The Type E Certificate is recommended for all teachers of 3-5 year olds, but is not required.

Contact:
Teacher Certification, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1894, phone: 465-8701.

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Vocational Education

Program Goals

To provide training and education to individuals and families in the following areas: child development and parenting; citizenship/balancing work and family; personal, family and environmental health; consumer education; nutrition and foods, living environment, textiles and clothing. Specific program goals for each of these areas are designed to provide individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to empower themselves, their children and others to become independent, successful and healthy individuals.

Services Provided

Curriculum for the various areas; counseling and training programs, parenting and child development kits can be provided. The traveling curriculum kits are self-contained instructional kits complete with teachers guides, student readings, activity sheet masters, film strips, video cassettes, bulletin board materials, posters and other visuals, teacher references, and teaching games.

Eligibility

School districts, parent groups/organizations, non-profit agencies, Native organizations, postsecondary and adult education agencies.

Program Status

The federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technology Act has a set aside for funds in Consumer/Home Making. These limited grant funds have provided monies for teen parenting projects, home economics students to be entrepreneurs in the child careers, assistance for school drop outs to obtain a GED and/or parenting skills and for assistance with nutrition education. Grants are competitive.State dollars provide home economics courses in school districts.

Comments

Contact

Vocational Education, Division of Education Program Support, Department of Education, 801 West 10th Street, Suite 200, Juneau, AK 99801, phone: 465-8729, FAX: 465-3396.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Environmental Health and Sanitation Inspections

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Environmental Health and Sanitation Inspections

Program Goals
To protect the health and safety of children served by child care, preschool facilities, Head Start Centers and schools.

Services Provided
The program provides plan review of new or extensively remodeled facilities to ensure these facilities meet all applicable sanitation, disease control and safety requirements needed to protect the health and safety of children served by the facility. Staff conduct periodic inspections of the child care, Head Start, preschool and school facilities including food service to monitor operations for sanitation and good public health practices. Playground equipment, art materials and other play materials are evaluated for safety and age appropriateness. Technical assistance and formal operator training is also provided on a request basis. The program also reviews on-site water and sewage systems for these facilities.

Eligibility
All child care centers, preschool programs as per Day Care, Pre- Elementary School, Residential Care and Adult Residential Care Facilities Regulations 18 AAC 30 Article 8; all school facilities as per 18 AAC 30 Article 3 and facilities providing food services for children as per 18 AAC 31.

Program Status
Program activities are funded by state general funds.

Comments
The program emphasizes health education, prevention and voluntary compliance needed to provide safe and healthy environment for young children and prevent the spread of disease and injuries due to accidents.

Contact
Section Chief, Environmental Sanitation Section, Division of Environmental Health, Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, RM. 105, Juneau, AK 99801-1795, phone: 465: 5280, FAX: 465-5292.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Adoption and Guardianship

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Public Health Nursing

Vital Statistics

Women, Infants and Children

Adoption and Guardianship

Program Goals

To provide permanent homes for those children in state custody who are unable to return to their families or become emancipated. Permanent placements are arranged that meet the child's individual needs, are within the child's own culture and are preferably with relatives.

Services Provided

- Adoption is a legal proceeding ordered by the court after the birth parents' parental rights have been terminated. Adoption is the preferred option for providing permanency for a child because it provides a legally permanent family for the child. Guardianship is also a legal proceeding, but parental rights may or may not be terminated. Therefore, guardianship carries some legal risk that the arrangement could be reversed.
- Children with special needs may be eligible for federal or state subsidies to offset the costs associated with adoption or guardianship. Subsidies are individually negotiated depending on the child's needs and the family's circumstances. Post-adoption services may be provided on a limited basis to insure the continuing stability of adoptive placements. Depending on the families needs, direct services may be provided or referrals made to helping agencies or adoption support groups.
- The Division evaluates and approves all adoptive and guardianship families.

Eligibility

Families who wish to provide adoptive and guardianship homes for children with special needs must meet the state's criteria for adoption and guardianship. Financial assistance through the subsidy program is available for children who meet specific state and federal eligibility requirements.

Program Status

Financial subsidies may be funded through a combination of state and federal monies. Guardianship subsidies are entirely funded with state monies and adoption subsidies may be funded with state and/or federal funds. Legal costs for adoption procedures are borne by the adoptive family, but reimbursement may be available through the subsidy program.

Comments

During FY 93, the Division completed 91 adoptions and 129 guardianships. Approximately 80% of these were subsidized.

Contact

Adoption Coordinator, Division of Family and Youth Services, P.O. Box 110630, Juneau, AK 99811-0630, phone: 465-3633, FAX: 465-3397.

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Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)

Program Goals
To provide the basic necessities for needy children thereby enabling them to remain within the family unit.

Services Provided
Cash payments to families who are deprived because at least one parent is absent, deceased, incapacitated or unemployed. Participants may also be referred to other programs for services such as: child protective services, family planning, medical assistance, child care assistance, foster care, counseling, alcohol rehabilitation, homemaker services, child support enforcement, information and referral on employment and training.

Eligibility
Eligible families must include children who:

- are under 18 years of age or pregnant women with no AFDC children.
- are living with a relative
- are deprived of support/care of one or both parents
- are living with families without adequate income (less than $821.00/month) or resources
- have a social security number

Program Status
The AFDC program is funded by state (50%) and federal (50%) funds. Comments:

Contact
AFDC Program, Division of Public Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O.Box H, Juneau, AK 99811-0640, phone: 465-3347, FAX: 465-5154.

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Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Program Goals
To provide an array of mental health services to children who are seriously emotionally disturbed and their families.

Services Provided
An array of service, varying in different parts of the state, including: individual counseling, group therapy, family counseling, crisis respite, home-based services, day treatment, family support services (case management), therapeutic foster care and/or individualized wrap-around services.

Eligibility
The child must be determined to be seriously emotionally disturbed. A seriously emotionally disturbed child or adolescent is one who:
- exhibits behavioral, emotional or social disabilities that consequently disrupt the child's education, family/interpersonal relationships to point of being at risk of out-of-home placement
- has disabilities that cannot be attributed solely to intellectual, physical, or sensory deficits; and
- frequently requires intensive collaborative treatment delivered by an interagency team involving the family, courts, local school district, mental health and other family services agencies.
- severely mentally ill children and adolescents are part of the overall group of severely emotional disturbed children and adolescents.

Program Status
Children's mental health services are funded by a combination of state Mental Health Trust funds, General funds and Interagency receipt funds.

Comments
It is the goal of the Division of Mental Health to broaden the base of children's mental health services. It is believed that by expanding community based services, hospitalizations of children with mental health needs can be greatly reduced.

Contact
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coordinator, Division of Mental Health & Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110620, Juneau, AK 99811, phone: 465-3370, FAX: 465-2677.

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Child Care Programs

At-Risk/Transitional Child Care

Program Goals

At-Risk Child Care: To cover child care costs of non-AFDC working families "at-risk" of becoming dependent on AFDC if child care were not provided.

Transitional Child Care: To provide up to 12 consecutive months of child care to certain AFDC recipients upon loss of eligibility for AFDC due to an increase in work hours or income from employment.

Service Provided

Transitional and At-Risk Child Care programs are federally funded programs with a required state match. Federal funds are received by the Department of Health and Social Services and transferred to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs (DCRA) to be administered by the DCRA Child Care Programs as is required by the federal regulations (45 CFR Part 257) that guide these programs. State general fund match for these programs is budgeted by DCRA. Complete program descriptions for these programs are located under the DCRA section. 2/94

Child Care Programs

JOBS/Native JOBS Programs

Program Goals
To assist AFDC recipients in attaining economic self-sufficiency through their participation in Alaska JOBS program.

Services Provided
Provides AFDC recipients with a network of services including child care, case management, employment counseling, adult basic education, life skills, supportive services, and job skills training.

Eligibility
Participants must be receiving AFDC benefits and be enrolled in the JOBS program.

Program Status
Federally funded open ended entitlement program. Statutory/regulatory reference: 45 CFR Part 250-255.

Comments
Assistance with child care costs is essential to enable JOBS participants to take part in education, training, and paid and unpaid work experiences.

Contact
Child Care Coordinator, Division of Public Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services, P. O. Box 110640, Juneau, AK 99811-0640, phone: 465-5842, FAX: 463-5154.

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Child Protection Day Care

Program Goals
To protect children at risk of being abused and neglected and to help keep families intact by providing relief to the child's family from the pressure of constant child care.

Services Provided
Funding for child day care services. Arrangements for child care services are made by the Division. Payment for day care services is paid directly to the provider.

Eligibility
Service is authorized by the Division of Family and Youth Services for children that have been determined by the DHSS to be at risk of abuse or neglect. Child protection day care is part of larger comprehensive family treatment plan.

Child protection day care providers must be licensed by the state and have a Child Protective Services agreement on file with the Division. Child care rates are based on the Day Care Assistance program daily rate.

Program Status
Services are funded by state general funds and are administered through the Division's three regions.

Comments

Contact
Child Protection Day Care, Division of Family and Youth Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110630, Juneau, AK 998811-0630, phone: 465-3207, FAX: 3397.

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Child Protective Services

Program Goals

To identify and protect children from abuse, neglect, exploitation by investigating reports of harm and providing services to children at risk of harm and their families. To the extent possible, insure that reasonable efforts are made to protect and maintain children in their own homes.

Services Provided

Services include investigating reports of harm, assisting families in diagnosing and resolving problems, referring families to community resources, initiating legal intervention if children are unable to remain safely in their own homes, and providing out of home placements and permanency planning when necessary. Due to the high volume of cases and insufficient numbers of social workers, not all cases reported to DFYS can be investigated. The Division prioritizes cases based on the severity of risk evident in the information received (Priority I, II, III). Reports indicating most serious risk of imminent harm to the child are investigated immediately. Less serious cases are investigated within several days. In offices with excessive work loads, the least serious cases may not be investigated unless subsequent reports are received.

Eligibility

Children at risk of harm in their living situation.

Program Status

Child Protective Services are funded with state funds. In FY 93. there were 14,617 reports/ referrals for Child Protective Services involving 10,521 children; an increase of over 25% from the previous year, with no new staff to provide services. Of the reports received, DFYS investigated 9,323; 46% (4,316) were verified. Based on population projections, this represents a rate of 57 per 1,000.

Comments

DFYS has been shifting it's service delivery from a rescue based to a family centered approach. Family strengths, not just deficits, are considered and mobilized to protect the child. Also, culturally appropriate, community based services are used to protect and/or rehabilitate children, and strengthen families.

Contact

Division of Family and Youth Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 1110630, Juneau, AK 99811-0630, phone: 465-3170 FAX: 465-3397.

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Community Care Licensing

Program Goals
To reduce predictable risks to children being cared for out of their own homes by establishing, monitoring and enforcing standards for an acceptable level of care.

Services Provided
Licensing of facilities caring for young children or dependent adults. Facilities include: foster homes, child care centers, family child care homes, family child care group homes, residential child care facilities and child placement agencies.

Licensing requirements include: standards for health, safety, nutrition, staff, program, organization and physical facilities. The larger facilities must also have a sanitation and environmental safety inspection by the Department of Environmental Conservation and a fire safety inspection by the Department of Public Safety.

Eligibility
Facilities that are required by Alaska law to be licensed prior to caring for children, such as child foster homes. Facilities that are required by law to be licensed to receive benefits from other state or federal programs such as the Child Nutrition Programs in the Department of Education or Child Care Grant Programs in the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. Some community care facilities that are not required by law to be licensed may be voluntarily licensed.

Program Status
Licensing is administered through the Division's three regional offices and is carried out locally by field offices. Licensing of child care centers in Anchorage has been delegated to the Municipality of Anchorage. Services are funded by state funds. Federal funds have supported one additional statewide coordinating position for several years.

Comments
The Division licenses 1,945 facilities which can serve a total capacity of over 13,500 persons.

Contact
Community Care Licensing, Division of Family and Youth Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P. O. Box 110630, Juneau, AK 99811-0630, phone: 465-3207 FAX: 465-3397.

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Epidemiology

Program Goals

To survey, investigate and control acute and chronic diseases and injuries through defining causal factors, identifying and directing control measures and providing a basis for policy development, program planning and evaluation.

Services Provided

The Section of Epidemiology identifies, plans, and implements morbidity and mortality prevention activities in order to control outbreaks of infectious disease, chronic diseases, injuries, and exposure to hazardous materials. Epidemiological programs include AIDS and control of sexually transmitted disease, control of tuberculosis, control of vaccines used for immunizations. The section also as the research core for the DHSS, performing studies and investigations tied to federal and international programs.

Eligibility

Data on activities is available upon request. Services are available to health care providers and facilities.

Program Status

Epidemiology services are funded through federal funds and grant funds (50%) and state general and program receipts funds).

Comments

Contact

Section of Epidemiology, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 3601 C Street, P. O. Box 24029, Anchorage, AK 99524, phone: 561-4406 FAX: 277-6814.

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Family Centered Services

Program Goals

Family centered service delivery is both a method and a philosophical approach to provide services which focus on families rather than on single individuals. Culturally appropriate, community based resources are used to protect and/or rehabilitate children, protect vulnerable adults, strengthen families, promote permanency for children, and reduce the incidence or duration of out-of-home placement. Safety of children, vulnerable adults, and the community is paramount.

Services Provided

The level of services provided by child protective services and youth corrections that are given to the family are based upon the individual needs of the family. Services are also purchased by DFYS from private agencies and private providers of family services. Examples of these services range from intensive home-based services, child protective day care, parenting support groups, family resource and family support programs, counseling services, etc.

Eligibility

Families included in the program are determined eligible by the Division and private agency and/or provider.

Program Status

Programs are presently funded through general funds and federal grants. With the passage of new Family Preservation and Family Support legislation, new funds are anticipated to develop and enhance family support programs in the future.

Comments

Since family centered services is a systems approach, successful implementation requires modeling of the values and principles throughout all levels of the agency, with particular emphasis on flexibility to allow for regional and community differences in need, resources, and creativity. The implementation of a family centered approach in the state represents an increasing recognition that, in order to achieve positive outcomes for children and families, services must build upon the strengths of families and communities.

Contact

Division of Family and Youth Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110630, Juneau, AK 99811-0630, phone: 465-3209, FAX: 4655 3397.

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Food Stamp Program

Program Goals
To improve nutrition of low income households.

Services Provided
Assistance to low-income households in purchasing food. Benefits are dependent on household size and financial situation.

Eligibility
Recipients must meet the following criteria:

1. resident of Alaska
2. U.S. citizen or legal alien
3. within certain resource and income limits
4. do not reside in a commercial boarding house or institution
5. meet work registration and employment and training
6. submit application for program and satisfy review
7. have a social security number

Program Status
The Food Stamp program is a federally funded (100%) program.

Comments

Contact
Food Stamp Program, Division of Public Assistance, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box H, Juneau, AK 99811-0640, phone: 465-3347.

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Foster Care

Program Goals

To arrange for the care of every child committed to the state's custody and pay for the costs necessary to ensure adequate care of the child; and to provide services to children that should be directed to meeting their needs in their own homes whenever possible.

Services Provided

Licensed family foster homes are provided as a temporary placement for children and youth who cannot stay in their own homes. For children in need of aid, efforts are made to either reunite the child with his/her biological parents or other family members. If a relative placement cannot be made, other permanent plans are pursued, including guardianship and adoption. For older youth, preparation for independent living may be the most realistic permanent plan. For delinquent youth, foster care may be the preferred placement option when youth can benefit from the family-like setting and support of licensed and trained foster parents. Specialized foster care, Alaska Youth Initiative foster placements, foster care demonstration grants and foster parent training contracts are also part of the foster care program.

Eligibility

Foster care homes must meet state regulatory requirements and receive a license for foster care from the state.

Children who have been determined to be at risk and in need of out-of- home placement and have been placed in the state's custody.

Program Status

Foster care programs/grants are funded through federal and state appropriations.

Comments

Contact

Foster Care Programs, Division of Family and Youth Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110630, Juneau, AK 99811-0630, phone: 465-2104, FAX: 465-3397.

2/94

Health Care Program for Children With Special Needs (HCP)

Program Goals
To correct or lessen the effects of a handicapping condition for individuals through payment of specific hospital and medical costs for children with eligible conditions.

Services Provided
Provides funding for approved services including: medical treatment, MD's and therapist fees, medicine and drugs, orthodontics, genetic counseling services, braces, artificial limbs, special shoes, prosthetic devices. Services may also include: regional audiologists, audiology clinics and audiology contracts to test for hearing loss, multidisciplinary clinics for children with cleft lip and/or cleft palate, genetics clinics, developmental pediatric specialty clinics, fetal alcohol syndrome clinics and other speciality clinics.

Eligibility
Individuals who have a handicapping condition described in program regulations, are under 21 years of age, meet income criteria, have extensive medical bills and no private insurance. Medical expenses associated with a handicapping condition are funded based on a sliding scale of need, income and expenses.

Program Status
The HCP services are funded by Mental Health Trust funds (1/3) and Maternal Child Health Block Grant state general funds (2/3).

Comments

Contact
Health Care Program for Children with Special Needs (HCP), Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 1231 Gambell Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, phone: 274-7626, FAX: 277-6814.

2/94

Healthy Baby Program

Program Goals

To assure early access to comprehensive prenatal care and to increase the likelihood of Alaskan babies being born healthy.

Services Provided

Outreach and assistance to high risk Medicaid eligible pregnant women in obtaining needed medical care. Screenings and case management is conducted for most of the Health Baby participants by Public Health Nurses. The program provides access to a MD or Certified Nurse Midwife for their prenatal care. Over 40% of the births in the state during FY 93 were covered under the Healthy Baby program.

Eligibility

Eligibility for this Medicaid program is determined by the Division of Public Assistance under the Medicaid guidelines. Women who are eligible for this program are covered, unconditionally, for the remainder of their pregnancy and sixty days after the baby's birth. Babies are then eligible to receive services under the Healthy Kids program for the first year without re-evaluation of their eligibility status.

Program Status

Healthy Baby Program services are fund by a federal grant (20%) and state/federal match (50/50) funds.

Comments

Contact

Division of Public Health, Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box H, Juneau, AK 99811, phone: 465-3347 FAX: 465-2898.

Healthy Kids Program

Program Goals
To provide comprehensive health screenings for children so that health problems can be identified and treated as early as possible.

Services Provided
Healthy Kids participants are offered outreach to assist them in access to comprehensive screening services, with appropriate referrals to dental and other medical care as identified by the comprehensive screen. Follow up on referrals are done to make certain Alaska's Medicaid eligible children receive the care they need. This service of the medicaid program is a preventative health program which offers all of the coverage listed under Medicaid as well as the following: dental care, health screening, health and nutrition counseling, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, podiatrist services, hospice, nursing service, dietician services, psychologist and social worker services, mental health.

Eligibility

Medicaid eligible children. Eligibility is determined by the Division of Public Assistance for all participants. Healthy Kids participation requires periodic evaluation of eligibility status, except for the first year of life for children born to mothers who were on the Healthy Baby Program. This means that children can have intermittent medical coverage.

Health screenings in rural Alaska are most often done by Public Health Nurses. In more urban areas, screenings are done by multiple providers: physicians, Nurse Practitioners, the Indian Health Services or 638's who are Medicaid providers, and by Public Health Nurses. Public Health Nurses in every area of the state outreach clients when they are due for their screens and assist clients with making appointments and arranging transportation.

Program Status
Healthy Kids Program services are funded by state and federal match (50/50) funds.

Comments:

Contact
Division of Public Health, Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box H, Juneau, AK 99811, Phone: 465-3347, FAX: 465-2898.

2/94

Immunization Action Program

Program Goals

To prevent, control and eliminate vaccine preventable diseases and raise Alaska's statewide vaccination levels among very young children to 90% over the next eight years. Currently, over 40% of Alaska's children age 2 and under may lack one or more vaccinations for diptheria, tetanus, pertusses, measles, rubella and hepatitis.

Services Provided

The Immunization Action Program is a comprehensive collaboration project between the state, federal, public and private agencies and health care providers. Partners in this project include the Department of Health and Social Services, Alaska Area Native Health Service, Indian Health Services, Municipality of Anchorage, Native Health Corporations, and private health care providers. Project components include: Distribution of vaccines free of charge to both public and private health care providers. Public awareness and public education programs through community programs, immunization clinics throughout the state are planned to target children who need shots.

The DHSS Section of Epidemiology is responsible for the purchase, distribution and tracking of vaccines. The DHSS Section of Nursing is responsible for immunizations of children who are served by Public Health Nurses.

Eligibility

Children who are in need of immunizations.

Program Status

The annual $2.4 million budget is funded by federal program funds and state general funds. $1.7 million (72%) is used to purchase vaccines.

Comments

Contact

Immunization Action Plan Coordinator, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 3601 "C" Street, Suite 576, P.O. Box 240249, Anchorage, AK phone: 561-4406.

2/94

Infant Learning/ Early Intervention Program

Program Goals
To provide home based early intervention specialized education services to infants age 0 to 3 who have moderate to severe mental or physical handicapping conditions; or who are at risk for developing such conditions.

Services Provided
Services for children are provided by non-profit organizations who receive grant funds administered through the Division of Public Health. The program is medically oriented learning program for children not yet old enough for special education offered through the public school system.

Specific services include: developmental screenings and assessments, establishment of a care plan for educational, therapeutic, and developmental intervention. Services offered by this program include: educational equipment, therapist and consultant fees and additional testing for the child.

Eligibility
Families of children, ages 0-3 who have disabilities or are at risk for disabilities are eligible for services. Children are screened by a multi-disciplinary evaluation team using medical and developmental criteria.

Grants for the delivery of services are awarded on a competitive basis to non-profit organizations.

Program Status
The ILP services are funded with federal funds through the Individuals with Disabilities Act, and state general and Mental Health Trust funds.

Comments
Currently 24 organizations statewide provide services to approximately 1,000 children. There are currently 350 unserved children.

Contact
Infant Learning Program Coordinator, Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 1231 Gamble Street, Anchorage, AK, phone: 274-2542 FAX: 274-1384.

2/94

Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

Program Goals
The ICPC establishes procedures for the interstate placement of children and fixes responsibilities of those involved in placing the children. The primary goals of the ICPC are to protect children being placed, ensure that they receive the services they need, assist the families who are caring for the children, and facilitate permanent placements for those children in state custody.

Services Provided
Investigation and evaluation of proposed placements, the determination of financial responsibility for the child's care, and supervision of the placement. Placements include parental and relative homes, foster care homes, adoptive homes, guardianships and residential care facilities. Assistance is also provided to social workers, children and families and the general public.

Eligibility
All children in state custody who are placed across state lines. Also, all private and agency adoptions for children placed across state lines.

Program Status
The ICPC program is funded through state funds.

Comments
Of the 368 open and 363 closed ICPC cases during FY 93; 95% of the cases resulted in placements with birth parents, relatives or adoptive parents. Alaska was the sending state for 373 placements and the receiving state for 358 placements. Of the 204 adoptions, Alaska was the sending state for 78 placements (38%) and the receiving state for 126 placements (62%). Currently there are 410 open ICPC cases.

Contact
Deputy Compact Administrator, Division of Family and Youth Services, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110630, Juneau, AK 99811-0630, phone: 465-2105 FAX: 465-3397.

2/94

Laboratory Services

Program Goals

To protect and improve the health of Alaskan citizens by providing analytical services for diagnosis and control of communicable diseases and toxicants, reduce exposure to unnecessary and harmful radioactivity.

Services Provided

Public health laboratories provide and coordinate diagnosis, reference, consultation and training in microbiology, immunology, and virology statewide through three regional laboratory facilities. The laboratories establish standards for testing, provide diagnostic support for early detection and surveillance, and provide services to other departments. Radiological health provides registration and inspections of X-ray equipment, maintains a radon monitoring and data collection program, and provides radiological expertise to state programs and to the legislature.

Eligibility

Data is available upon request.

Program Status

Laboratory services are funded by state general funds, program receipts and some federal funds.

Comments

Contact

Chief, Section of Laboratories, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 3256 Hospital Drive, P.O. Box 110614, Juneau, AK 99811-0614, phone: 586-3586 FAX:586-1877.

2/94

Maternal, Child and Family Health Surveillance and Survey Programs

Program Goals
To assess individual and community health status and serve the needs of women and children in Alaska.

Services Provided
Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS). Monthly surveys of a sampling of all live births. Survey results on prenatal care and habits during pregnancy are then linked with birth outcomes from information on the birth certificate.

Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System and Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System (PNSS). Data is collected from the WIC nutrition program and the Maternal Child Health Nutrition program on the nutritional status of pregnant women and children and their resultant health status.

Eligibility
see above

Program Status
the PRAMS project is funded through the Centers for Disease Control .

The PNSS project is a 5 year grant through the federal Women, Infants and Children program and the Centers for Disease Control.

Comments

Contact
Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 1231 Gamble Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, phone: 274-7626, FAX: 277-6814

2/94

Medicaid

Program Goals
To provide health and medical care for low income Alaskans

Services Provided
Payments to health care providers for medical services provided to eligible, low income persons. Services include: hospital care; laboratory services; nursing home care; home health care; physician services; rural health clinic services; medical transportation; mental health clinic services; eye care; psychiatric hospital services for persons under 21 or over 64; speech, hearing and language services; outpatient surgical care services; nurse midwife services; physical and occupational services; prosthetic services; prescription and medical supplies; family planning services; personal care attendant services; chiropractor services; case management and nutritional counseling for pregnant women; early and periodic screening diagnosis for treatment for persons under 21 (Healthy Kids program)

Eligibility
Persons are eligible if they receive payments from AFDC, APA or Federal Supplemental Security Income. Medicaid is also available to: children under 21 not receiving cash payments but who meet the income and resource limits of APA; pregnant women and children under age 6 regardless of resources whose income meets poverty guidelines; families may receive medicaid for 12 months after losing AFDC payments.

Program Status
Medicaid services are funded by a combination of state and federal funds. Funding can range from a 50% state funds-50% federal funds match formula, to 90% federal funds-10% state funds formula depending on the specific medicaid service.

Comments

Contact
Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance, Alaska Office Building, Room 309, P.O. Box H, Juneau, AK 99811, phone: 465-3347

2/94

Prenatal Care II Program

Program Goals
To help low-income mothers give their babies a healthy start in life by paying for some of the costs of pregnancy health care.

Services Provided
Diagnostic and medical services for low income and teenage pregnant women who do not have access to prenatal care due to a limited financial situation. Services paid by this program include: physician's or nurse midwife fees, prescribed medication, one visit to doctor or nurse midwife after the baby's birth, necessary diagnostic tests, childbirth classes. High risk pregnancies including teenage pregnant women receive intensive case management.

Eligibility
This program is for women who are not medicaid eligible (Health Baby Program), who have incomes between 133% to 185% of poverty level and no private insurance to help pay for pregnancy related costs. Currently there are only three Prenatal programs in the state: Ketchikan, Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Program Status
Prenatal Care II Program services are funded with state funds.

Comments
This has proven to be one of the most cost effective health care programs for children. Costs related to prenatal medical services are minimal compared to long term medical needs of infants born with health problems that could have been prevented by prenatal health care.

Contact
Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 1231 Gamble Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, phone: 274-7627, FAX: 277-6814.

2/94

Public Health Nursing

Program Goals:
To provide statewide professional public health nursing services to Alaskans, particularly very young children and medically underserved pregnant women in a manner that maintains dignity, promotes self- reliance and community integrity to enable individuals, families and communities to be healthy and productive.

Services Provided:
Public Health Nurses are responsible the actual service delivery of many of the state's programs/services for children and families at the local community level. Greater than 50% of PHN services are provided to children under age 5 and to pregnant women.

The PHN service delivery system consists of administrative offices in Juneau and Anchorage, four regional offices and four grantee agencies. Services are provided to over 250 Alaskan communities on an itinerant basis or through 24 health centers. Services specific to children include:

Mothers, Infants and Children's Services. PHN's collaborate with other community health care providers to expand and improve the quality of health care services to infants, children and parents and assist in providing services to help children function at their optimum level. PHNs provide child health screening that includes periodic physical, social-emotional and developmental screening for the purpose of identifying potential problems early. PHNs provide much of the outreach and about 40% of the screening done for the Medicaid Healthy Kids/Healthy Baby programs; approximately 50% of the required screenings for the Head Start program. PHNs work with the family on referrals for care and track status of health problems; provide anticipatory guidance and health education to reduce risk factors and promote individual and family strength; assist in FAS clinics, early intervention services, provide services to families of children with special needs. Selected PHNs participate in Infant Mortality Review at the local level by doing family interviews.

Prevention of Abuse and Neglect: PHNs provide a variety of parent support and family strengthening services to at-risk parents. These services include: parent education, monitoring normal growth and development, family health interventions, referral and follow-up to assure problems are resolved.

Vaccine Preventable Disease Service: PHNs promote public awareness of the need to immunize children against preventable diseases, immunize infants and school children and populations at risk for influenza and pneumococcal pneumonia. PHNs collaborate with school districts, Head Start, CHAs and IHS, 638s and the private sector to ensure maximum opportunity to prevent disease. Vaccine preventable childhood diseases require constant surveillance with 10,000 new babies born every year in Alaska.

School Health Services: PHNs promote the efforts of individual school districts to develop school health programs that include preventive services for both students and personnel. PHNs provide technical assistance and consultation to the school districts that are developing their

school health capacity. In communities served by PHNs that do not have school nurses, PHNs provide health screening services. All PHNs provide health education to schools on a wide range of topics. PHN staff was instrumental in setting up and providing some staff time for the first teen clinic within a school in the state.

Prenatal Services: PHNs collaborate with other health providers to improve the quality of prenatal services in Alaska. They assure that all pregnant women in their caseloads participate in a comprehensive health care program that emphasizes preventive care and promotes the best possible birth outcome. PHNs facilitate referrals to WIC, assist in securing financial aid, monitor pregnancy and link the client and family with appropriate community resources. PHNs directly provide comprehensive nursing care to high risk population groups such as adolescents.

Other Services: PHNs also provide a variety of other services including:

- Working closely with the state's epidemiology program and federal disease control programs to identify injuries, illness and diseases.
- Family planning outreach, education counseling and referral services to males and females to ensure safe, effective family planning services are available to those desiring them.
- Tuberculin testing, surveillance, patient monitoring and care; and locating source cases and possible contacts.
- Communicable disease prevention and control - Screening diagnosis, treatment and follow-up for sexually transmitted diseases.
- Health promotion and education services at the individual, family and community level.

Eligibility:
All Alaskan residents are eligible for PHNs services. Specific programs have income and/or other criteria for eligibility.

Program Status:
Public Health Nursing is funded mainly through state general funds (68%); the remainder of the funding comes from a combination of federal funds, inter-agency receipts and program receipts.

Comments:

Contact:
Section of Nursing, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110611, Juneau, AK 99811-0640, phone: 465-3150, FAX: 586-3193.

2/94

Vital Statistics

Program Goals
To record, safeguard and certify copies of records of vital events and to compile, analyze and publish statistical data obtained from records of vital events.

Services Provided
Registration of all vital events of residents and visitors to Alaska. Vital events include: births, deaths, marriages, divorces and adoptions. Information is used by health professionals and officials in the state and the federal government to help identify needs and establish policy for public health initiatives. Critical issues that are tracked include: infant mortality, suicide, drug and alcohol related deaths, quantifying the nature and causes of death by injury, designing and tracking the efficacy and efficiency of state and federal health and prevention programs; and estimating the size and distribution of population changes.

Eligibility
Information from Vital Statistics is available upon request.

Program Status
Vital Statistics services are funded by state general funds, program receipts and some federal funds (15%)

Comments

Contact
Bureau of Vital Statistics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, P.O. Box 110675, Juneau, AK 99811, phone: 465-33992, FAX: 465-586-1877.

2/94

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program

Program Goals
Prevention of perinatal and childhood morbidity related to nutritional problems through provision of specific nutritious foods and nutrition education to low-income, nutritionally at risk pregnant, post partum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to 5 years of age.

Services Provided
Grants to local agencies to provide direct services including: screening for income and nutritional risk, food warrants for specific foods, nutrition education, counseling for high risk participants.

Eligibility
Low-income and nutritionally at risk children ages 0-5; pregnant, post- partum and breastfeeding women. Certification periods are: one year for infants, duration of a pregnancy period and 6 months for other eligible participants.

Local private, nonprofit agencies that provide direct services are awarded grants on a competitive basis.

Program Status
The WIC program is federally funded by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Comments

Contact
WIC Program Coordinator, Section of Maternal, Child and Family Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, 1231 Gambell Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, phone: 274-7626, FAX: 277-6814.

2/94

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Fire Prevention

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Program Goals
To provide immediate safety and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in life-threatening situations and to reduce the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault in Alaska.

Services Provided
The Council serves as a funding agency for community-based direct services programs. Currently the Council funds 24 community based programs to provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families. These services may include: shelter, counseling, medical referrals, social services and public assistance referrals, services for child victims, treatment for batterers. The Council processes applications for funding and monitors programs that receive grants and provides technical assistance to programs and other community groups. It also serves as a planning and coordinating agency for domestic violence and sexual assault services provided by various agencies.

Eligibility
Community-based programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families may apply for grants to the Council.

Program Status
The Council is funded through state appropriations and federal monies through the Victims of Crime Act and Family Violence Prevention Services Act.

Comments
The Council is comprised of four State members representing the Department of Law, Education, Public Safety and DH&SS and three public members.

Contact
The Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Department of Public Safety, P.O. Box 111200, Juneau, AK 99811-1200, Phone: 465-4356.

2/94

Fire Prevention

Program Goals
To reduce loss and injury of lives and property due to fire through fire prevention efforts.

Services Provided
Plan review of new and remodeled child care facilities, Head Start Centers and educational facilities for fire code compliance. Annual fire safety inspections of child care, Head Start, educational facilities.

Eligibility
Facilities that provide educational or child care services to children are required to comply with state fire codes and are required to have a fire safety code inspection. An inspection is a required part of the state's community care licensing process. The Municipality of Anchorage has responsibility for fire safety inspection for facilities within the Anchorage area through a self inspection affidavit.

Program Status
Fire prevention services are funded through state funds.

Comments
Plans are being developed for public fire prevention education programs. However, these programs are dependent on future legislative funding.

Contact
Deputy Fire Marshall, Division of Fire Prevention, Department of Public Safety, 5700 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99507-1225, phone: 269-5490, FAX: 338-4375.

2/94

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Child Support Enforcement

Child Support Enforcement

Program Goals
To ensure that the financial responsibility of supporting children rests with the parents rather than the public and to improve the economic welfare of children. The CSE continually strives to increase collections and cost effectiveness of the program to increase the monies returned to the federal and state government.

Services Provided
Child Support Enforcement services include: initiating case files, locating absent parents, determining paternity, establishing the monetary support obligation, enforcing support orders through collection, distributing monies collected to AFDC agencies or non-AFDC families, maintaining case files, reviewing and adjusting Orders, closing case files and informing the public of CSE services and parental responsibilities for support of children.

Eligibility
CSE services are required for all families receiving assistance under AFDC to aid in the recovery of federal and state monies given for the support of children with absent parents. CSE also collects child support payments on behalf on non-AFDC families who voluntarily apply. This service is provided to custodial parents to minimize the need for public assistance thereby reducing the public's burden.

Program Status
CSE services are funded by state (33%) and federal (67%) funds.

Comments

Contact
Director Division of Child Support Enforcement, Department of Revenue, 550 West 7th, Suite 312, Anchorage, AK 99501-3356, phone: 263-6279, FAX: 263-6263.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS/STATE OF ALASKA

(Requiring appointment or nomination by the Governor of the State of Alaska)

Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Advisory Board on

Disabilities and Special Education, Governor's Council on

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Council on

Education, Board of

Mental Health Board, Alaska

Vocational and Career Education, Governor's Council on

OTHER STATE FUNDED OR SUPPORTED COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS/ ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Interdepartmental Committee for Young Children

Alaska Child Care and Development Block Grant Advisory Committee

Alaska Head Start Association

Alaska Head Start Directors Association

Native Nonprofit Organizations

Alaska Interdepartmental Committee for Young Children (AYCIC)

The purpose of the AICYC is to support comprehensive, quality systems of services for young children and their families through joint strategic planning and coordination by appropriate state agencies. The committee exists to coordinate in the following areas: policy development, program development, research evaluation, community education and public awareness, training and technical assistance. The AICYC is composed of the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee from the Departments of Community and Regional Affairs, Education, Environmental Conservation, Health and Social Services and Public Safety. The AICYC encourages participation of others including but not limited to parents, early childhood educators, public and private child care, education providers, government agency staff, representatives of organizations who support young children and their families and other interested Alaskan citizens. Meetings are held on a quarterly basis.

Alaska Child Care and Development Block Grant Advisory Committee (CCDBG)

The primary purpose of the CCDBG advisory committee is to advise the state on the effective use of Child Care and Development Block Grant funds through:
- gathering input from member's constituent group(s) and local contacts, providing input from the member's own unique perspective, and reviewing resource staff information concerning current uses of CCDBG funds; and
- providing input from the member's own professional and personal knowledge, and from information from the member's constituent groups(s) and regional contacts relative to statewide needs of the child care community for training and education within the allowable activities of the available funding sources.

Members of the CCDBG are nominated by the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. A member is chosen on the basis of their relationship to the child care field through professional participation, training role, use of services, advocacy role, administrative capacity, or provision of related services.

Alaska Head Start Association

The Alaska Head Start Association was formed in 1993. The purpose of the Association is to support the Alaska Head Start community, to advocate for children and families and to provide training and professional development opportunities. The Association consists of directors, staff, parents and friends affiliated with Alaska Head Start programs. The Association is guided by an Executive Board and six standing committees. The Boards consists of nine members: 3 program parents, 2 program directors, 2 program staff and 2 friends. Standing committees include: Planning and Development, Communication, Networking, Training, Election and Membership, and By-Laws.

An annual meeting of the membership is held in January of each year. Regular meetings of the membership will be held using teleconference and telecommunications to provide a broader participation in Association meetings.

Alaska Head Start Directors Association (AHSDA)

The purpose of the AHSDA is to:

- Serve as an advocate for the interests and concerns of Alaska Head Start children, families, staff and communities;
- Facilitate communication between Head Start programs throughout the state by keeping members informed about state and national issues relating to early childhood education, health and social services, be they members or non-members of AHSDA;
- Establish representation for participation in appropriate organizations and associations;
- Represent Alaska Head Start programs concerning identified issues;
- Facilitate communication and coordination between Alaska Head Start and appropriate government entities;
- To provide technical assistance and support to Head Start Directors.

Membership of the AHSDA is open to Directors representing Alaska Head Start grantee/ delegate agencies that provide pre-natal to school age services and Ad Hoc representatives appointed by AHSDA. Three meetings of the AHSDA will be held annually

Native Nonprofit Organizations

A wide variety of services for children may be provided by Native non- profit organizations in the state. These organizations contract to provide state-mandated or state-supported services to children and families within their regional or village boundaries. The extent to which the Native nonprofits contract with the state varies widely. State contracts are monitored by the respective departments who have program responsibility for the service.

Additionally Native nonprofits may receive direct federal funds to provide services such as health care, child care subsidies or economic development (JOBS) opportunities. Native organizations and state children's services program managers are currently developing collaboration agreements in order to provide more coordinated, comprehensive services to young children.

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Department of Community and Regional Affairs

Division of Municipal and Regional Assistance

■ DATABASE

RAPIDS (Rural Alaska Project Identification & Delivery System)

A comprehensive inventory of community project information. Data includes information on community facility improvements and economic development projects in rural Alaska from twenty state and federal programs in thirteen agencies. Currently-funded projects, agency's planned projects, as well as unfunded improvement needs are tracked in the RAPIDS Database by rural community.

Reports/Publications

Annual report. The database can also be used to print a list of all current and potential projects in one rural community or by region such as a legislative district or Native regional area or by list of specific project such as water and sewer. Information can be supplied in hard copy form or in computer spread sheet format or on disk. A service charge may apply for some database products.

Contact

Laura Walters, Research and Analysis Section, Municipal and Regional Assistance Division. 464-4750

■ DATABASE

DCRA Community Database

A comprehensive database on Alaskan communities. The database currently contains information in the following areas:

- **Profiles** - a description of the community's geographic location, history, culture, economy, transportation modes and climate
- **Facilities** - community water, sewer and sanitation systems, electrical and bulk fuel facilities, heating methods, health care, communications, and household facilities such as plumbing, kitchens and phones.
- **U.S. Census** - population, percent Native, ethnic origin, housing units, income and poverty rates.
- **Economy & Employment** - a description of the community's economic base, and Census information such as private/public/military employment, occupations, industries and unemployment rates
- **Schools** - school names, grades taught, enrollment and staff; school district expenditures per student, student/teacher ratios and cost differentials

- **Rural Businesses** - business names, description of business and Standard Industry Codes.
- **Contacts** - address file for all municipalities, village councils, village portions, regional native corporations and non-profits, ARDORS, Legislators, etc.
- **Municipal Officials** - elected city and borough officials; majors, council or assembly members, school board, planning & zoning commission, and key municipal employees, such as manager, clerk, VPSO/police chief, fire chief and health aide.
- **Municipal Finances** - a six year history of municipal operating revenues and expenditures, plus capital project and per capita expenditures.
- **Rural Grants** - a list of state and federally-funded grants and capital improvements for rural communities, such as Legislative grants, Capital Matching, Village Safewater, Transportation projects and rural economic development assistance grants.
- **ANCSA Land Status** - ANCSA land entitlement, community 14(c)(3) status; municipal land trustee; BLM survey dates; homesite lands.

Reports/Publications

Annual report. The database can be used to produce general Community Profiles, mailing labels or custom tailored reports based on needs. Data can be obtained in hard copy, spreadsheet format or on disks. DCRA also has maps and aerial photos for many communities. A service charge may apply to database and map products.

Contact

Laura Walters, Research & Analysis Section, Municipal and Regional Assistance Division. 465-4750

■ DATABASE

Alaska Municipal Officials Directory

Publication listing frequently requested information concerning the names of city and borough officials from throughout the state, and information on each city and borough in Alaska.

Reports/publications

Annual report.

Contact

Laura Walters, Research and Analysis Section, Municipal & Regional Assistance Division. 465-4750

■ DATABASE

Local Government Revenues and Expenditures in Smaller Rural Alaskan Communities, 1985-1989

Database examines the certified financial statements of 50 second class cities for the five-year period from 1985-1989 and, for purposes of comparison, local government fiscal activities in several rural "hub" communities (Dillingham, Bethel, Nome and Kotzebue) as well as Anchorage. The purpose of the data is to examine the fiscal activities and trends of local government in Alaska's smaller rural communities. The governments in these small cities are coming under increasing financial pressure as outside revenues dry up while expectations of local responsibility for service provision are generally increasing. Data analyses the sources and amounts of local government revenues and how these governments spend the revenues they receive.

Reports/Publications
Annual report. Specific information on request.

Contact
Laura Walters, Research & Analysis Section, Municipal & Regional Assistance Division. 465-4750

Division of Community and Regional Development

■ DATABASE

Head Start Management Information System Child Plus III

Data is collected from "Child Files" which records program information on all Head Start components and services provided to all children enrolled in Head Start in Alaska. National Head Start Agency software is used and the data is maintained by each Alaska Head Start Grantee and is downloaded to the Central Head Start Office in Juneau on a quarterly basis.

Reports/Publications
Annual report.

Contact
Brent Cappell, Head Start Program—465-4862

■ DATABASE

Program Information Reports, Year End Reporting System

Data required by the Federal Head Start Program and the end of each program year. Data includes statistical information on funding, enrollments, community programs, etc. for the program year.

Reports/Publications
Annual report

Contact
Brent Cappell, Head Start Program—465-4862

■ DATABASE

Child Care Statistics

Program statistics are collected for each of the four state child care subsidy programs. Information collected includes: number of families, number of children, subsidy levels, kind of care received (i.e., center care, in-home, etc.), reason for subsidy such as job training, working.

Reports/Publications
Information is collected monthly and is published in the child care program annual report.

Contact
Ginny Stocker, Child Care Programs—469-4676

■ DATABASE

Resource and Referral/Resource Development Information

Information is collect on child care resource and referral actions from the three Resource and Referral grantees. Information includes: number of calls requesting child care referrals, number of children, ethnic diversity, follow-up actions. Information is also collected from the R&R's on child care resource development actions including: training provided, type of event (seminar, workshop, conference), training topics, community where training is requested/provided. Information is used to develop historical program analysis, comparisons of regional actions and planning for future needs in child care actions.

Reports/Publications: Information is published in the child care program annual report.

Contact: Ginny Stocker, Child Care Programs—469-4676

Department of Education

Education Program Support

■ DATABASE

Child and Adult Care Food Program, National School Lunch Program

Information on number of meals served, funds distributed, sites and children served in non-profit child care centers and licensed family day care homes. Number of meals served, funds distributed, sites and children served by school lunch program. Information on number of low income students and meals served in schools and child care centers.

Major Reports/Publications
Various types of reports can be generated from the above information upon request. School information on low income students can be generated by school, not just by school districts.

Contact
Suzy Greeley, Child and Adult Food Program—465-8711

■ DATABASE

Preschool Certification

Information on preschools certified by state including school district, Head Start and private preschools. Documents sanitation inspections, curriculum, children served, etc.

Major Reports/Publications
Reports on an as needed basis. Summary information is available.

Contact
DeeDee Satran, Preschool Certification—465-8703

■ DATABASE

Vocational Education

Enrollment of all students in all school districts who are enrolled in vocational education courses. Vocational education courses may include classes in child development, nutrition, parenting and life skills.

Major Reports/Publications
Information is collected on a yearly basis for reporting requirements for both federal and state education funding purposes. Reports are available to the public.

Contact
Sue Ethelbah, Vocational Education—465-8729

■ DATABASE

Special Education

Maintains child count information by school district and by disability condition for children served by state special education programs in grades K-12. Maintains child count information for children served by state special education programs, ages 3-5 and 18-22. Information on federal, state funding per child served is also available.

Major Reports/Publications
Information is collected on a yearly basis for required federal funding report due by December 1.

Contact
Richard Smiley, Special Education—465-8702

■ DATABASE

Alaska Geographic Alliance, Math and Science Institute, Writing Consortium Contact Lists

Listings of teachers, grades K-12 who have completed training in state sponsored programs in geography, math, science and writing. Training contains early childhood components for teachers in elementary grades.

Major Reports/Publications
Current mailing lists of qualified teachers.

Contact:
Majorie Menzi, Alaska Geographic Alliance—465-8720
Judith Entwife, Writing consortium—465-8721
Nancy Spear, Math/Science—465-8715

■ DATABASE

School District Participation and Program Evaluation Reports for:

Title I Basic Program for Disadvantaged
Title I Migrant Education Program
Title I Neglected/Delinquent Program

Information on programs and students served by these federal programs.

Major Reports/Publications
Statewide summary information and information specific to each school district is available to public. Information specific to individual students is confidential and not available to public.

Contact
Kathie Berg - Title I Programs—465-8705

■ DATABASE

Statewide Migrant Student Certification Counts

Data on migrant students served by federal migrant education funds.

Major Reports/Publications
Statewide summary information available to public, Information specific to individual students is confidential and not available to public. Information specific to a district is public with some exceptions.

Contact
Carole Green, Migrant Education—465-8689

■ DATABASE

Teacher Certification

Teacher certification records for Regular Type A, Administrative, Type C, Special Services, Limited, Standard, Provisional and Temporary certificates. Includes information on applicant, transcripts, security checks, revocation files from other states, renewal information, etc.

Major Reports/Publications
Files contain some confidential information. Listings of certified teachers are available.

Contact
Julie Orsborn, Teacher Certification—465-2026

■ DATABASE

Correspondence Study

Information on students enrolled in Alyeska Central School, grades K-12. Contains the same information kept by regular school districts, including: student information, transcripts, health screenings, student counts for funding information, standardized test scores, graduation rates, etc.

Major Reports/Publications
Information is included in the state report, *School Districts Report Card to the Public*, published yearly. Files include some confidential information, summary information is available to the public.

Contact
Chris Yates, Alyeska Registrar—465-2835

SCHOOL FINANCE

■ DATABASE

Annual District Funding/Allocation for Title I Basic and Migrant Education Programs.

Information on funding levels and determinations for federal Title I and Migrant Education programs.

Major Reports/Publications
Statewide summary information is available to public.

Contact
Dorothy Mae Knight, Data Management—465-8681

■ DATABASE

Statewide School Age Child Poverty Counts

Information on numbers of school age children determined to be living at or below poverty levels. Data includes or incorporates information on children in poverty from state census counts and children enrolled in Public Assistance programs.

Major Reports/Publications
Statewide summary information is available to public. Specific information on individual children is confidential and not available to public.

Contact
Dorothy Mae Knight, Data Management—465-8681

■ DATABASE

District Profile Information

Information on all school districts in the state including: district characteristics, student population, enrollment, district goals, school performance, parent involvement, student statistical rates, standardized test results.

Major Reports/Publications

Annual *School District Report Card to the Public* is published in January/February. Report includes specific district information and statewide summaries.

Contact

Dorothy Mae Knight, Data Management—465-8681

■ DATABASE

Early Leaver/Drop-out

Information on students who leave school prior to graduation

Major Reports/Publications

Information is included in publication, *School District Report Card to the Public* published annually. Summary information is available.

Contact

Dorothy Mae Knight, Data Management—465-8681

■ DATABASE

Student Testing Information

California Achievement Test information on Alaska student population. Test scores are supplied to Department by contractor hired by state to administer test.

Major Reports/Publications

Test information is included in publication, *School District Report Card to the Public* published annually. Statewide and district breakdown of test scores are available.

Contact

Dorothy Mae Knight—465-681

■ DATABASE

School District Staffing and Enrollment

Information on staff employed by school districts, including: certified and classified staff employed. School enrollments by grade, school and ethnicity.

Major Reports/Publications

Information included in annual publication *School District Report Card to the Public.*

Contact

Dorothy Mae Knight, Data Management—465-8681

■ DATABASE

District Audit Report

Information on schools audits including student enrollment counts, detailed reports on revenues and expenditures,average daily membership to determine school entitlement. Hard copy spreadsheet data.

Major Reports/Publications

Information is included in annual publication *School District Report Card to the Public.* Information is also used for federal government annual report, analysis for legislative purposes and internal DOE reports.

Contact

Eddie Jeans—465-8685

Department of Environmental Conservation

Division of Environmental Health

■ DATABASE

Environmental Health and Sanitation Inspections

General profile information on facilities requiring health and sanitation inspections as per state requlations. Profile information includes: facility type, water system type, ownership, type of operation, permit number, operation and inspection needs. Facilities requiring inspections include schools, preschools, Head Start facilites, swimming pools, child care facilities, residential care facilities, businesses serving or selling foods and certain other public accomodations.

Major Reports/Publications

As requested or required for internal use. System is currently being overhauled and revised.

Contact

Nancy Napolilli, Sanitation Inspections, Fairbanks Office— 451-2110

Department of Health and Social Services

Division of Administrative Services

■ DATABASE

Clinics

Information about Alaska village clinics including staffing, location, ownership, condition, and climate.

Major Reports/Publications
Annual publication available to public. Hardcopy available

Contact
Arnold Liebelt, Planner, Facilities and Planning Section—465-3037

■ DATABASE

Contracts Database (CNTRACTS)

Record of Department of Health and Social Services contracts including pertinent information.

Major Reports/Publications
On request. Hardcopy available to public

Contact
Elsie Brown, Administrative Assistant, Finance Section—465-3131

■ DATABASE

Grants Database

A list of all Departmental grants and their characteristics.

Major Report/Publications
DHSS Operating Grants, Hardcopy available to public

Contact
Elsie Brown, Administrative Assistant, Finance Section— 465-3131

■ DATABASE

State of Alaska Medical Directory

Directory of doctors, dentists, surgeons, chiropractors, EMT's, psychiatrists, psychologists, optometrists and ophthalmologists within the state of Alaska.

Major Reports/Publications
Directory of professional medical providers sorted by specialty and city. Directory of professional medical providers sorted by practice type and city. Contains confidential information, not available to public, however summary information may be available.

Contact
Brad Whistler, Health Planner, Facilities and Planning Section—465-3015

Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse

■ DATABASE

Court Referral Tracking System

Provides case management and statistical information for civil and criminal referrals for alcohol and drug problems or offenses.

Reports/Publications
Several on request. Contains confidential information. Summary information is available to public

Contact
Emily McKensie, ASAP Coordinator, Alcohol Safety Program Section—264-0735

■ DATABASE

Management Information System (MIS)

Information on services to clients receiving treatment

Reports/Publications
Various for internal use. Available to the public. Contains some confidential information not available to public.

Contact
Pete Kinney, Management Analyst, Management Information Systems Section—465-2071

Division of Family and Youth Services

■ DATABASE

Grantee and Contractor Database

Lists DFYS contracts/contractors and grants administered by DFYS. Grants are listed by quarter and grantee.

Reports/Publications
Listing of grants and contractors. Hardcopy available to the public.

Contact
Jackie Damon, Social Services Program Officer—465-2817

■ DATABASE

Youth Facilities Bookings

Information on bookings by arrest or court referral.

Reports/Publications
Regular statistical reports. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary information available.

Contact
Dr. Faye Moore, Regional Administrator—265-5080

■ DATABASE

Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC)

Information on children in DFYS custody placed in foster care or adopted outside Alaska or children from other states who are under foster care or adopted in Alaska.

Major Reports/Publications
Monthly/statistical. Contains confidential information not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
DeeAnn Grummett, Deputy Compact Administrator—465-2105

■ DATABASE

Client Service Plan

Provides information on client services as per federal requirements.

Major Report/Publications
Statistical, monthly. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Steve Rice, Analyst/Programmer—465-2882

■ DATABASE

PROBER

The major component of the DFYS management information system. It provides information on DFYS client services including placements, tracking referrals, case management, and staff workload management. The system handles information on foster care, adult and child protection, daycare, homemaker services, youth corrections, custody information, demographic information on the client and family, and workload activity.

Major Report/Publications
Annual, workload, statistical. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary information available on request.

Contact
Steve Rice, Analyst Programmer—465-2882

■ DATABASE

Provider System

Information about providers of service to Division's clients including licensing, facilities and capacity.

Major Reports/Publications
Monthly reports, mailing labels, quick index. Hardcopy available to public.

Contact
Steve Rice, Analyst Programmer—465-2882

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■ DATABASE

Residential Care

Information by facility on youth in residential care including eligibility for federal funds for out of home placement ("4E eligible").

Major Reports/Publications
None. Contains confidential information. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Jackie Damon, Social Services Program Officer— 465-2817

■ DATABASE

Subsidized Adoptions

Information on adoption cases, some of which are subsidized by federal 4E program.

Major Report/Publications
Ad Hoc. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Sherrie Stears, Administrative Clerk—465-3204

Division of Medical Assistance

■ DATABASE

Medicare/Medicaid Automated Certification System

Surveys of Medicaid/Medicare provider activities

Reports/publications
Tracking system.

Contact
Karen Martz, Health Facility Certification and Licensing Administrator— 561-8081

■ DATABASE

Mentally Ill, Mentally Retarded Screening

Information on screening for institutional care

Reports/Publications
Statistical.

Contact
Karen Martz, Health Facility Certification and Licensing Administrator—561-8081

■ DATABASE

Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)

Federally certified system for adjudicating medical claims for Medicaid clients.

Reports/Publications
MARS - Management and Administrative Reporting subsystem produces standard expenditure data. A series of monthly reports show summary activity and expenditure information by categories of assistance and service. Hardcopy available to public.

Contact
Jeff Hubbard, Medical Assistance Administrator IV—561-2171

■ DATABASE

Services Tracking, Analysis and Reporting System (STARS)

MMIS subset, STARS provides meaningful presentation of health care information for decision support via a client server platform on the Department WAN

Reports/Publications
As needed, contains confidential information not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact:
Jeff Hubbard, Medical Assistance Administrator IV— 561-2171

Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities

■ DATABASE

Management Information System

A reporting system to assist state and local providers with their mental health programs. System is currently under development.

Reports/Publications
None at this time.

Contact
Lynn Hutton, MIS/DP Manager—465-3370

■ DATABASE

Developmental Disabilities Client List

Clients receiving DD services.

Reports/Publications
None, contains confidential information not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Diana Ray, Developmental Disabilities Pgm Spec—465-3370

■ DATABASE

DD Waiting List

List of people waiting for DD services

Reports/Publications
None, contains confidential information not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Diana Ray, Developmental Disabilities Pgm Spec—465-3370

■ DATABASE

Alaska Youth Initiative (AYI)

AYI client tracking.

Reports/Publications: Caseload, client profile, functional assessment, service profile and cost analysis. Contains confidential information, not available to the public. Summary information may be available.

Contact: Robert Gamble, AYI Coordinator—465-3370

Division of Public Assistance

■ DATABASE

Eligibility Information System

Interactive system to determine eligibility for public assistance.

Reports/Publications
Numerous scheduled reports. Contains confidential information, not available to the public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Jack O'Brien, Public Assistance Analyst—465-5846

Division of Public Health

■ DATABASE

Trauma Registry

Record of hospitalized injuries in state.

Reports/Publications
Routine reports of hospital and ambulance services. Custom reports on request. Aggregate statistical data only available to public.

Contact
Martha Moore, Trauma Registry Coordinator—465-8631

■ DATABASE

Disease Reporting and Rapid Telephonic Reporting System

Information on reportable diseases to aid in identifying outbreaks or clusters of infectious diseases.

Reports/Publications
Weekly to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Periodic, semi-annual and annual bulletins. Other non-scheduled bulletins. Contains confidential information, statistical summaries only available to public.

Contact
John Middaugh, State Epidemiologist—561-4406

■ DATABASE

Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

An annual survey of behavior of adults posing risks to health, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Reports/Publications
Annual reports since 1990.

Contact
Patty Owen, Health Program Manager—465-3140

■ DATABASE

Client Travel

Record of EPSDT clients' travel

Reports/Publications
Travel Authorization Form. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Lynda Bangham, Research Analyst, Medicaid Services Section—276-0606

DATABASE

Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

A Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) subsystem tracking services under a federally mandated program of preventive care for children eligible for Medicaid.

Reports/Publications: Monthly, quarterly and annual. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact: Lynda Bangham, Research Analyst, Medicaid Services Section
276-0606

DATABASE

EPSDT Time Tracking System

Information on time spent on Medicaid client-related activities.

Reports/Publications
Quarterly, management and funding reports. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Lynda Bangham, Research Analyst, Medicaid Services Section—276-0606

DATABASE

Healthy Baby Case Management System

Information on outreach and outcomes for Medicaid clients.

Reports/Publications
Forms, management reports, list of new babies. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Lynda Bangham, Research Analyst, Medicaid Services Section—276-0606

■ DATABASE

Outreach Management Software

Information on outreach activities for EPSDT program

Reports/Publications
None. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Lynda Bangham, Research Analyst, Medicaid Services Section— 276-0606

■ DATABASE

Early Intervention Program

This database links information from several programs for children with developmental disabilities including WIC(Women, Infants & Children), ILP (Infant Learning Program), HCP (Handicapped Child Program), Genetics & Birth Defects, Communicative Disorders, and Infant Follow-up and Evaluation.

Reports/Publications
Reports to U.S. Department of Education plus information on Alaska population served.

Contact
Mary Diven, Health Program Manager, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section—465-3103.

■ DATABASE

Family Planning

Information on services and program utilization.

Reports/Publications
For internal use. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Linda Vlastuin, Unit Manager, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section— 274-7627.

■ DATABASE

Handicapped Childrens Program

Database contains medical and demographic information on identified handicapped/special needs children.

Reports/Publications
Various reports for internal use. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary reports may be available.

Contact
Dale Walberg, Analyst Programmer, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section. 274-7626

■ DATABASE

Infant Learning Program

Contains information on the number of children under the age of three with handicapping conditions.

Reports/Publications
As required to federal funding sources.

Contact
Dale Walberg, Analyst Programmer, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section. 274-7627.

■ DATABASE

Infant Mortality Database

Survey information on infant mortality from providers and families. Currently under development

Reports/Publications
None at this time.

Contact
Anita Powell, Program Manager, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section. 274-7626

■ DATABASE

Prenatal Care II Billing System

Payment authorization and services description for the Prenatal Care II Program

Reports/Publications
Various for internal use. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Dale Walberg, Analyst Programmer, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section.—274-7626

■ DATABASE

Pediatric Nutrition Surveillance System

A CDC developed database used to store and analyze information on the nutritional status of children on the WIC program based on WIC application data.

Reports/Publications
Semi-annual and annual.

Contact
Wendy Zinkovsky, Nutrition Education Coordinator—272-3616

■ DATABASE

Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System

A CDC developed system to store and analyze information on the nutritional status and behavioral risk factors of pregnant women and their relationship to birth outcomes.

Reports/Publications
Annual.

Contact
Wendy Zinkovsky, Nutrition Education Coordinator, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section. 272-3616.

■ DATABASE

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System

A CDC developed survey and database of women 3-6 months post partum focused on pregnancy risks.

Reports/Publications
Ad Hoc. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Kathy Perham-Hester, Public Health Specialist, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section. 278-2990.

■ DATABASE

Women, Infants and Children

Eligibility and medical information on persons receiving nutrition counseling and WIC food coupons from the program.

Reports/Publications
None. Contains confidential information, not available to public. Summary information may be available.

Contact
Paul Kaiser, Data Processing Coordinator, Maternal, Child & Family Health Section. 465-3100.

■ DATABASE

Resource Patient Management System

A set of linked, automated databases used to coordinate activities of health facilities and disciplines. It contains demographic and health information.

Reports/Publications
Management related, tracking and research data, individual client reports. Contains confidential information, not available to public.

Contact
Lark Hackney, RPMS Program Nurse Consultant, Nursing Section—465-3150.

■ DATABASE

Healthy Alaskans Information Line

The toll-free number (1-800-478-2221) will provide families information on available resources, programs, and other services throughout Alaska. Information is provided to callers on and referrals to providers of human services for families. Information provided will range from a limited response (agency name, telephone number, address) to detailed information (the agency's intake system, agency policies, and application procedures). A person calling the line will have their needs assessed, appropriate resources will be evaluated, and the caller will receive names of organizations available to meet their needs.

Major Reports/Publications
None. Public information system.

Contact
Julie Cornelissen, Maternal, Child and Family Health—272-1534

■ DATABASE

Vital Statistics

Information mandated by Vital Statistics Act consisting of births, deaths, marriages and divorces, adoptions and fetal deaths.

Reports/Publications
Annual (latest 1993)

Contact
Tony Zenk, Research Analyst, Bureau of Vital Statistics—465-2143

Department of Public Safety

Alaska Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

■ DATABASE

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Information on victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who seek services of state supported shelters and domestic violence programs. Information is collected on the type of service provided (advocacy, legal assistance, counseling, consultation for specific services such as medical, mental health, education, etc and other services such as child care, safety checks. Demographic information on the clients age, relationship to perpetrator, type and frequency of abuse, domestic violence background, extent of injury, location of abuse, number of children, residence, etc. Information on clients enrolled in prison batterers' program including, age, violence experienced as a child, substance abuse, referral, type of violence committed and against whom, extent of injury to victim, type of crime.

Major Reports/Publications

Summary information is collected from shelters and compiled. Reports available to public. Identifying personal information regarding victims, clients and perpetrators is confidential and not available to public.

Contact

Renea Winkle, Council Staff—465-3627

Department of Revenue

Division of Child Support Enforcement

■ DATABASE

Child Support Enforcement

Information on numbers and types of cases currently being handled by the Division. Types of cases include: cases already under court order, cases to establish paternity, cases to establish support order, responding cases (out-of-state parent/child), initiating cases(in-state parent/child, out-of-state support parent).

Major Reports/Publications

Information is updated on a monthly basis on number of cases, number of children served, ages of parents and children. Summary information available to public, confidential information on clients not available to public.

Contact:

Vicki Mitchell, Public Relations— 269-6828